

REMARKS

The Office Action and the cited and applied reference have been carefully reviewed. Claims 2, 3 and 5 are allowed. Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, and 10 presently appear in this application and all define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are hereby respectfully solicited.

Claim 7, and claims 8 and 10 depending therefrom, have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is obviated by correction of the typographical error of "SEQ ID NO:6" to "SEQ ID NO:5".

Claims 4, 9, and 11-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement and for lack of written description. The cancellation of rejected claims 4, 9, and 11-12 without prejudice obviates the §112, first paragraph, rejections.

Claims 4, 9, and 11-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Yamamoto et al., WO 95/34645. This rejection is also obviated by the cancellation of the rejected claims.

In view of the above, the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. §112 and define patentable subject matter warranting their

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allowance. Favorable consideration and early allowance are earnestly urged.

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